already being implemented during the Seventh Plan for augmenting oilseeds production are : Rajnandgoan, Durg, Raipur, Bilaspur; Raigarh; Surguja, Bustar, Chhindwara, Mandla, Betul, Hoshangabad; Bhind, Morena, Rajgarh, Shajapur; Ujjain; Mandsaur, Dewas; Indore; Khargone, Dhar and Balaghat.

(b) Under NODP, financial assistance as an incentive to farmers on various critical inputs like quality seed, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, calcium sulphate application, rhizobium culture, large sized demonstrations, sprinkler sets, field training etc. is given to the State Government.

(c) With the concerted efforts being taken up through the implementation of National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) in Madhya Pradesh, an annual increase of 8 to 10 per cent in the production of oilseeds under favourable weather conditions is expected every year over the base year during the Seventh Plan.

Funds to M.P. for supply of drinking Water

2550. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have asked for more funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for dealing with acute drinking water problem in drought affected villages;

(b) if so the funds released so far; and

(c) what other Central assistance, if any, has been provided to Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year for dealing with the water scarcity poblem in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) the annual allocation for Madhya Pradesh for 1987-88 is Rs. 26.8 crores. Apart from full release of thi amount an additional assistance of Rs. crores has been given to the State Government under ARWSP.

(c) Government of India has released Rs. 3.353 crores to the Mini Mission districts of Rajgarh (Rs. 2.00 crores) Shahdoi (Rs 0.10 crore) and Jhabua (Rs. 1:253 crore) for taking up activities under the National Technology Mission on Drinking Water. For combating drinking water scarcity arising out of drought conditions, Government of India has approved, as Central assistance, ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 11.08 crores for rural areas and Rs. 2.17 crores for purchase of drilling rigs and geophysical equipments.

Setting up of sugar factories in Madhya Pradesh

2551. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals for setting up of Sugar Factories in Madhya Pradesh are pending before Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in the clearance of these proposals; and

(d) by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sponsoring of regional programme on second channel of Delhi Doordarshan

2552. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sponsor programmes in regional languages